

## 2009 REPORT OF THE BENEFACTION COMMITTEE

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Chair: Barbara Frei

Member: Samuel Burckhardt

Walter & Emily Peyer – Senior Member Grp

The Benefaction Committee presently supports two beneficiaries. Both are dealing with serious health issues which require frequent doctor's visits. Some of their medications are no longer fully covered by their health insurances. The support by the Swiss Benevolent Society makes it possible to fill these gaps.

Both recipients express time and again their gratitude for the ongoing financial support. It helps them "navigate" life in a period when public transportation is progressively curtailed and a cab might be the only means to get from a doctor's office back home.

Phone calls offer ongoing contact when visits due to a variety of factors are not feasible.

A long time member of the Swiss community resides in a Health Care Facility and receives regular visits. The one-on-one contact and the opportunity to hear her mother tongue seem to trigger efforts to communicate in her native language.

The ***Senior Gatherings*** will resume in March, after the winter's hiatus. Walter and Emily Peyer have organized these meetings for many years. Now, thankfully, the Peyers are assisted by members of the group who feel strongly about maintaining this tradition. It gives the older members of the Swiss community, now widely dispersed over the Metropolitan Area, a time and place to come together.

Respectfully submitted  
February 25, 2009

Barbara Frei  
Chair, Benefaction Committee

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***Senior Member Luncheon Gathering***